

UGANDA

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express our Nation's gratitude for the contribution made by the people and government of Uganda to the relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Sam Kutesa was in Washington recently when he announced that his country was donating \$200,000 to the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund. Expressing his government's sympathies toward the people affected by Hurricane Katrina, Minister Kutesa said: "We know that, under the guidance of the two former presidents, money collected by the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund will go where it is needed most and where it can be used best."

While a contribution of \$200,000 may seem small in comparison to the vastness of the hurricane's destruction, please keep in mind that Uganda is a small country that has also suffered its share of devastation.

Americans must remember the terror and oppression of the Idi Amin regime, which came to an end in 1979 but its effects are still being felt. The ruthless dictator Idi Amin deliberately destroyed Uganda's economy and infrastructure and displaced hundreds of thousands of people from their homes and businesses.

In 1986, after a long civil war, President Yoweri Museveni came into office with promises to stabilize the country, facilitate economic growth, and restore dignity and humanity to the political process. In the years since, he has largely lived up to those promises, although—like any country trying to emerge from decades of tyrannical government—Uganda still has problems that need to be addressed.

Uganda's contribution to the recovery efforts after Hurricane Katrina should be seen in the context of the bonds of friendship between our two countries. Uganda is a key regional ally in the global war on terror, and through the efforts of President Museveni and his government, East Africa is a more stable place today than it was twenty years ago.

Indeed, Uganda has faced its own, home-grown terrorism, in the form of the brutal Lord's Resistance Army, which has raped and pillaged the northern part of Uganda and terrorized the population there. Led by religious zealot Joseph Kony, the Lord's Resistance Army kidnaps children and forces them to be soldiers in a pointless war against their own families and neighbors. There is a very good reason that the Lord's Resistance Army has consistently been listed as a major terrorist organization by the State Department's annual publication, *Patterns of Global Terrorism*.

Uganda also faces a terrorist insurgency by the smaller, but no less deadly, Allied Democratic Forces. The ADF, as it is known, extends its tentacles beyond Uganda: several of its members were captured in Afghanistan fighting for the Taliban and al-Qaeda, and they are now interned by the U.S. Government at Guantanamo Bay.

With all this in mind, our gratitude toward Uganda and its people, and particularly toward President Museveni, should be clear and strong.

Mr. Speaker, it recently became my pleasure to become the co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Uganda. I encourage all Members of this body to consider joining the caucus so that they can study more closely the U.S.-Ugandan bilateral relationship and learn more about how Uganda and the United States can work together on matters of mutual concern.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I ask that an article entitled "Uganda Is Latest African Donor of Relief to Hurricane Katrina," by Washington File staff writer Jim Fisher-Thompson, be entered into the RECORD. This article treats in more detail some of the issues I have just described.

[From the Washington File]

UGANDA IS LATEST AFRICAN DONOR OF RELIEF TO HURRICANE KATRINA—FOREIGN MINISTER KUTESA DESCRIBES \$200,000 DONATION

(By Jim Fisher-Thompson)

WASHINGTON.—Uganda has joined other African nations responding to devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina with a donation of \$200,000 for relief and rebuilding efforts in New Orleans and communities along the Gulf of Mexico coast.

Visiting Ugandan Foreign Minister Sam Kutesa told the Washington File September 7 that the government of President Yoweri Museveni and the people of Uganda "feel with you and sympathize with you at this time of sorrow. We know you have lost dear ones, as well as considerable property. And we want Americans to know we are thinking of them and are standing shoulder to shoulder with them."

The official made a point of mentioning the donation was not just a pledge but that the money would be transferred immediately to the Bush-Clinton Katrina fund.

Hurricane Katrina struck the U.S. Gulf Coast August 29. The storm and subsequent flooding have devastated parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama and left thousands homeless.

A statement released by the Ugandan Embassy September 8 announcing the donation quoted Museveni as saying, "The United States has been generous in responding to natural and humanitarian disasters all over the world, including in Africa. Uganda has more than once been the beneficiary of this generosity and justice requires us to aid the people in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama who have lost their homes and loved ones."

President Bush named his father, a former president, and former President Bill Clinton to head up fund-raising efforts for reconstruction that may cost more than \$150 billion. The hope is they can duplicate their very successful fund-raising efforts for victims of the devastating tsunami that struck South Asia in December 2004.

Kutesa said, "We know that under the guidance of the two former presidents money will go where it is needed most and where it can be used best."

Uganda joins other African nations contributing to Katrina relief including: Djibouti, \$50,000; Gabon, \$500,000; and Kenya, \$100,000.

Noting the symbolic value of the Uganda donation matched against the immense sums needed for reconstruction, Kutesa told the Washington File, "America has been very generous in helping Uganda fight HIV/AIDS and developing its economy. So it is only right that we try to help as much as we can. We wish we could do more but we are limited."

Kutesa said, "We know what human tragedy can mean. Unfortunately in Africa much of it has been man-made instead of natural.

The human tragedies of Idi Amin and Milton Obote, for example, led to the deaths of more than 800,000 Ugandans" in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Now, he said, Uganda is one of the best friends America has in Africa and "we look forward to strengthening our relations as we both cope with the aftermath of disasters that have struck our countries."

Kutesa's next stop in America is New York City, where he said he will participate in the annual United Nations General Assembly meeting the week of September 13-17. President Museveni plans to attend with a number of other African leaders.

A highlight of the U.N. gathering, Kutesa said, will be a meeting of the foreign ministers of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda in a tripartite peace process for eastern Congo begun two years ago with the help of the U.S. State Department. After Burundi recently joined, the Great Lakes peace effort is now called the "3 plus 1" talks.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize a milestone anniversary in the life of a school in our district. St. Francis de Sales Catholic High School is a college preparatory school operated by the Oblates of St. Francis which has been educating young men since 1955. On Sunday, September 18, 2005, the school, alumni, friends, and our community will celebrate the school's 50th anniversary.

St. Francis was the first college preparatory high school in Toledo and is well known for its academic excellence. Nearly all of its students go on to higher education. The school offers advanced placement courses so that more than half of graduating seniors complete their high school education with college course credit. As a result of this coursework, St. Francis has been named a College Board School.

In addition to academic excellence, the school fosters a spirit of involvement that encourages participation in extra-curricular activities. St. Francis boasts champion athletic teams as well as a wide array of clubs in addition to a fine music department. Religious instruction is required all four years and students can regularly be found volunteering their time and talents in service to our community.

Though the majority of students are Catholic, St. Francis' student body is comprised of students from all Christian faiths, Muslim and Jewish, Hindu, and all socio-economic backgrounds. This is a feature which makes the school uniquely different from others, and truly one of the school's strengths.

St. Francis de Sales, the gentleman saint, taught his flock "The person who possesses Christian meekness, is affectionate and tender toward everyone; he is disposed to forgive and excuse the frailties of others; the goodness of his heart appears in a sweet affability that influences his words and actions, and presents every object to his view in the most charitable and pleasing light; he never admits in his discourse any harsh expression, much less any term that is haughty or rude. An amiable serenity is always painted on his countenance. . . ."

The school which bears his name in Ohio's Ninth District and which we today celebrate strives to imbue this same teaching in its students. It is echoed in the motto of the school: *Suaviter et Fortiter*, mildly and firmly.

Today we recognize over a half century of the spiritual, intellectual, and social guidance of thousands of young men, known in our community as the Knights of St. Francis de Sales. Godspeed, Knights! Onward to another 50 years of excellence.

HONORING THE ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF BOISE

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Assistance League of Boise and commend them on all of their efforts to help local children. The League has established a program called Operation School Bell. This program distributes new clothing, a new coat, and an age appropriate hygiene kit to children who would not have these essential items otherwise.

We will never be able to measure what this program achieves. If Operation School Bell did not exist, these children would not have new clothes to wear to school. The enhanced self-esteem each child receives can't be measured, but is noticed by all who participate.

When a child feels good about how they look and fit in, they perform better at school, are happier people, and are less likely to get into trouble. This impact on our society is tremendous.

I want to thank and congratulate all who participate in the League to make this possible. You truly touch lives and it does not go unnoticed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on September 8, 2005, I was unable to be present for rollcall vote No. 464, on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 427. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote No. 464.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, September 13, 2005, I was unable to vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to S. Con. Res. 26, Honoring and memorializing the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93 (rollcall 465); on the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3649, the Sportfishing and Recreational Boating Safety Amendments Act (rollcall 466); and on the mo-

tion to suspend the rules and pass S. 276, the Wind Cave National Boundary Revision Act (rollcall 467). Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all three measures.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT JAEB

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the passing of Mr. Robert A. Jaeb of Temple Terrace, Florida.

Born in Saskatchewan, Canada, Mr. Jaeb moved to Florida in 1936. Following his marriage to the former Lorena Morrill in 1941, Robert and his wife started a small grocery store. While Robert served in the Army in the Pacific Theater during World War II, Lorena ran their store. Her efforts, and their efforts together following Robert's return from the War, enabled them to grow their store into the Shop'N Go convenience store chain, a large and successful enterprise throughout Florida and Georgia.

Following the sale of the Shop'N Go chain in 1985, Mr. and Mrs. Jaeb were very involved in local civic and philanthropic affairs, including an extremely generous donation to the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. The family was also very involved in the charitable efforts of organizations like the United Way, the Florida Sheriff's Association Youth Ranches, All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg and the University Children Community Hospital in Tampa.

While Robert and his wife Lorena found material success in life, it was their desire to give back to those less fortunate that endeared them to their community and to their peers. Robert's faith guided him to make donations for the construction of churches throughout the world. When asked about the reasons for his philanthropic efforts, Robert stated, "You know, I often wondered why God allowed me to make so much money, and I know it's because I was supposed to give most of it away."

Mr. Speaker, I know that his wife Lorena, his family, friends and loved ones miss his presence but are heartened to know that Robert has passed on to a better place.

CHRISTOPHER R. GETZ

HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mrs. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize and congratulate Mr. Christopher R. Getz from Grosse Pointe, Michigan for his selection in the top 5 rounds of the 2005 Major League Baseball Draft.

Being drafted by a Major League Baseball club is a rare accomplishment that only 1,500 high school and college ball players across the country ever achieve, but to be selected in the first five rounds is truly a triumph. Only 1 of 150 is drafted. I am proud to have such a distinguished athlete from a city in my district.

Christopher attended Grosse Pointe South High School, excelling in baseball and setting

records for batting average, doubles, stolen bases, saves and more. In 2001, Christopher led his team to a state championship against Grand Ledge.

He attended Wake Forest and was ranked one of the best second basemen in America by Baseball America in his freshman year.

Christopher later attended the University of Michigan where he continued to shine. Some of his numerous accolades include NCAA Division 1 District V player of the year, All-Big Ten second baseman for two consecutive years, and selection to the all-tournament team at the big ten championship. Christopher finished his college career with an astounding .355 batting average.

With his numerous awards and impressive statistics it is no surprise Christopher was selected in the first five rounds of the Major League Baseball draft to the Chicago White Sox. I am proud to recognize Christopher as an impressive ballplayer and constituent, and I wish him the best of luck in the Major Leagues.

TRIBUTE TO HARVEY HADDIX

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, there have been many memorable pitching performances in the history of major league baseball. But no pitcher was ever better for as long a time in a single game than Harvey Haddix the night he pitched 12 perfect innings. His legacy will be celebrated in his native Champaign County on September 18 with the dedication of an Ohio Historical Marker in Westville, where he played his first organized ball. Harvey Haddix was a consummate baseball professional. He was a three-time All-Star and Gold Glove winner who played for five teams in a career that lasted from 1952-1965. He was later a successful pitching coach. Harvey will forever be known in baseball lore for the game he pitched for the Pittsburgh Pirates against the Milwaukee Braves on May 26, 1959. Batter by batter, he shut down a powerful Braves team that boasted hitters like Hank Aaron, Eddie Mathews, and Joe Adcock. 27 batters came up, 27 made out—a virtuoso accomplishment that would have set off a great celebration in any other game. But the Pirates couldn't score either, so Harvey was forced to extend his masterpiece into the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth innings. It finally came to an end in the thirteenth inning when the Braves scored a single run to win the game, 1-0. The story in the sports pages the next day was that a pitcher had "lost" a perfect game. But the real story of Harvey Haddix's amazing game has to do with the lesson that he taught all of us about the joy of competition. When you give your personal best, long past the point when it may seem you've given all you can, you'll always be respected as a winner. Indeed, just one season later, this "hard luck" pitcher won two games, including Game 7, in the 1960 World Series as his Pirates improbably defeated the favored New York Yankees. That was probably just baseball's way of evening things out. Harvey Haddix was born in Medway and resided in Springfield at the time of his death in 1994. As a fellow Ohioan and